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FOR OPIC

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EINV, NI
SUBJECT: PROPOSED PIPE MILL

REF: LAGOS 6954 AND PREVIOUS

1. ELUSIVE CHIEF ONOKPASAH VISITED EMBASSY AUG. 4. HE AND TWO EXPATRIATES WHO ACT AS CONSULTANTS/ADVISORS AND WHO APPARENTLY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR TECHNICAL SIDE OF INTERCITY OPERATIONS PLAN DEPART LAGOS AUG 10 FOR U.S. AFTER OVERNIGHT STOP IN AMSTERDAM, FROM WHERE CHIEF WILL PHONE OR CABLE TIME OF ARRIVAL, THEY PLAN DEPART FOR NEW YORK/WASHINGTON AUG. 11. ALTHOUGH CHIEF CONTEMPLATES TRAVEL TO PHILADELPHIA (WHEATLAND) AND CLEVELAND (YODER) HE HAS NO SET ITINERARY BEYOND WASHINGTON AND IS WIDE OPEN TO OPIC SUGGESTIONS.

2. COMMENT: CHIEF ONOKPASAH APPEARS TO BE A SINCERE, CAPABLE BUSINESSMAN WHO GENUINELY SEEKS AN AMERICAN TECHNICAL PARTNER. HOWEVER, IT IS CLEAR OPIC/US INVESTOR MUST PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY WITH HIM. MERE FACT OF HIS COMPLETE INACCESSABILITY FOR OVER A MONTH MAY BE ENOUGH TO SOUR A CONSERVATIVE FIRM SUCH AS WHEATLAND. AND EVEN THOUGH NIDB RETAINS INTEREST IN FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION, OVERALL STATE OF CHIEFS FINANCES NOT CLEAR TO US. SHOULD NEGOTIATIONS MOVE AHEAD, EMBASSY WILL BE GLAD TO PROVIDE AS MUCH INFORMATION ON THE CHIEF AND HIS COMPANY AS POSSIBLE. END COMMENT.

3. IF OPIC HAS MESSAGE FOR CHIEF PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE
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WE WILL TRY TO PASS IT TO HIM.

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